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## **U.S. and GOSS Officials Renew \$230 Million Partnership Agreement**

The U.S. Government and the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) today signed a \$230 million Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) renewing their joint partnership in strengthening democracy, economic prosperity, and regional stability for Southern Sudan.

Acting Administrator Alonzo L. Fulgham, the world-wide head of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) signed the MOU on behalf of the U.S. Government. U.S. Chargé d’Affaires to Sudan, Robert E. Whitehead, and the new U.S. Consul General in Juba, Ava Rogers, were also in attendance. The MOU confirms an additional U.S. \$230 million for development programs that will assist the Government of Southern Sudan to provide peace dividends to its citizens, as promised in the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA).

“Meeting CPA goals and priorities is critical to bring about a more peaceful, prosperous and stable Sudan,” Fulgham said.

The MOU agreement recognizes the assistance from the American people for GOSS’s development priorities including economic growth, health care, education, and good governance.

The United States is the single largest donor to Sudan, contributing more than US\$6 billion toward assistance in Sudan and eastern Chad since 2005. For more information on USAID programs in Sudan, please visit the following website:

<http://www.usaid.gov/sudan>

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